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Re: Application of Yasushi KUBOTA, Yukinari TAKEUCHI, Satoshi HAYASHI,  
Naoki ORII and Tadashi NAKATSUBO  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING BUTTER MILK-RELATED DAIRY  
PRODUCTS AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS HAVING GOOD  
FLAVOR  
**Assignee: MEIJI DAIRIES CORPORATION**  
Our Ref: Q88489

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- five (5) sheets (Figures 1-5) of drawings.
- a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- an International Search Report and a copy of the ISR.
- a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- a copy of each reference cited in the ISR.
- a Preliminary Amendment.
- it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$200.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Search Fee*									\$400.00
Examination Fee*									\$200.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$360.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<u>\$1260.00</u>
<b>Recordation of Assignment</b>									<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u>\$1300.00</u>

\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1260.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-357515	December 10, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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